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1. USINT MARCH 11 CONTACTED USDA EMPLOYEE D. GENE ROY, IN BASRAH AND INFORMED HIM THAT TRAVEL FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. HE PLANS TO LEAVE IRAQ SHORTLY AND BELIEVES HE WILL NOT NEED AN ADDITIONAL ADVANCE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

2. ROY REPORTS THAT GENERAL POULTRY COMPANY HAS DECIDED TO WEIGH ALL REMAINING 22,000 TONS OF NBMA - PROVIDED CHICKENS. THE COURT-ORDERED PROCESS MAY TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS. NBMA REPRESENTATIVE FISHER HAS REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE WEIGHING AS IN ANY WAY AFFECTING THE VALIDITY OF NBMA CLAIMS BUT DECIDED TO OBSERVE THE WEIGHING TO PROTECT NBMA INTEREST. USINT HAS ADVISED ROY OF PROVISIONS OF 10 FAM 330 AND HE CLAIMS HE HAS CONFINED ROLE TO EXPLAINING USDA PROCEDURES.

3. USINT SHARES DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT USG INVOLVEMENT IN THIS TRADE DISPUTE AND WILL REPORT ON IMPLICATIONS, IF ANY, AFTER FULL DEBRIEFING OF ROY ON HIS RETURN TO BAGHDAD. NONETHELESS DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT
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GOI COULD CONSIDER THE USG A PARTY TO THIS DISPUTE. AS REPORTED IN REF. B, NBMA PROVIDED 13 OFFICIAL USDA FORMS PY-210 (POULTRY PRODUCTS GRADING CERTIFICATE) IN WHICH USDA REPRESENTATIVE (SOME WERE SIGNED BY ROY HIMSELF) CERTIFIED THE ACCURACY OF THE SHIPMENT WEIGHTS. IN ADDITION USDA FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY SERVICE OFFICE IN JACKSON, MISS, SENT A LETTER TO GPC

ON JANUARY 4, 1978, WHICH OUTLINED USDA PROCEDURES AND INCLUDED COPIES OF THE PY-210 FORMS WHICH WERE ISSUED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN NBMA AND GPC. GOI HAS NOT MADE ANY ACCUSATION THAT USDA CERTIFIED WEIGHTS WERE INCORRECT BUT IT COULD DO SO IF WEIGHING PRODUCES DISCREPANCIES.
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